

The RANCH REVIEW

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News for the Residents of Legends Ranch

TWSC Giving the Gift of Song and the Possibility to “Sing with the A-Team!”

The Woodlands Show Chorus is looking to add 30 members in the coming year! To that end, they are offering aspiring women singers the ability to bring music back into their lives by simply joining the chorus! Each week, this high-performing chorus works with vocal instructors who help members learn the basics of good vocal production. Instruction includes techniques for maximizing breath, emphasizing pitch accuracy and tuning, as well as a focus on performance techniques to inspire confidence and charisma to WOW their audiences. Prospective members are encouraged to immediately sing with this A-level chorus and participate in performances as they learn songs.

Since its beginning in 2012 as the largest and fastest chartering chorus in Sweet Adelines International (SAI), this prodigious chorus has won its first two regional competitions with exceptionally high scores and placed well in two international contests. It is made up of women of all ages and all walks of life, coming together from The Woodlands/Conroe areas, Houston, Beaumont and San Antonio. The majority of its members were drawn to the chorus because of its world-renowned director, Betty Clipman. Betty came out of retirement to make her mark on The Woodlands and reclaim her spot in the Sweet Adeline directing world as the Master Director of TWSC. Her successful SAI experience spans over 40 years and covers all aspects of the organization. She is committed to continuous musical growth for all quartets and choruses through better educational opportunities.

All interested women are invited to come for a visit any Monday evening from 7-10 pm and experience the most exciting, joyful group of women singers. Membership/visitor information can be obtained by emailing membership@thewoodlandsshowchorus.org or calling Sally at 713.208.0863.

TWSC has recently moved to an awesome facility with phenomenal accommodations for rehearsals. They now rehearse

in the Family Life Center of the First Presbyterian Church, 2727 North Loop 336 W (Still in Conroe) 77304. There will be no rehearsals December 17, 24 and 31, but will start again January 7, 2019.

Check out this exciting, dynamic chorus at

www.thewoodlandsshowchorus.org



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Energy \$avers

With all the holiday decorations safely stored away, here's a few quick and easy tips on how to save a few dollars on energy use. Without all those extra lights and blow up yard decorations, energy bills should return to normal rather quickly. But with a few little adjustments, you could lower your energy bill even more.



Pull the Plug

Appliances draw power even when not in use. Unplugging devices (laptops and cell phone chargers) and small appliances (coffee pots and toasters), could add up to hundreds of dollars in savings per year.

Turn down the Thermostat

Lowering the thermostat on your water heater can save 3%-5% in energy costs for every 10°F decrease. Many manufacturers set water heater thermostats at 140°F, but acknowledge 120°F is more than adequate for most households.

Change those Filters

Regularly replacing filters on your furnace and AC can save 5%-15% on heating and cooling costs.

Fill it Up

Load up that dishwasher. Experts claim, a load of dishes cleaned in a dishwasher requires approximately 35% less water than washing dishes by hand. Additionally, opening the door after final rinse to air dry dishes, and running the dishwasher during off-peak hours will reduce your energy costs even more.

Choose Cold

Much of the energy used to launder clothes is for heating the water for hot and warm water cycles. Many laundry detergents available today are formulated to clean using cooler water temperatures. When possible, choose "Cold" to wash your clothes.

Put it in Reverse

Ceiling fans are a great way to cool your house in the summer. But did you know you can use those same fans to warm your house in the winter. Simply reverse the direction of the fan blades to recirculate the warm air collecting near the ceiling, throughout the room.

Adopting even one of these money saving ideas could add up to a little extra spending cash within a few short months. Happy new year!

THE MINIMALIST GARDENER

By Flint Sage

Continue with your freeze protection effort through the remainder of the winter. When the weatherman predicts a “hard freeze” (or similar), shut off and drain your backflow preventer. Water landscape plants, trees, and vegetables before the freeze. Try not to water foliage. Water is very good at retaining heat in the soil to help prevent freezing. Maintain a layer of mulch on bare areas to retain heat and moisture and to keep weeds down. Best of all, read plant labels before you buy. If they won’t



tolerate freezing, consider planting something different.

Lawns: Very little water is required, but water plants and lawns once a month if it doesn’t rain.

Plant roses anytime. If planting in January, choose bare root.

Plant annual flowers such as calendula, cyclamen, dianthus, ornamental kale, cabbage, pansies, and petunias. Plant bluebonnet transplants into garden beds.

Pruning: Avoid pruning frost-damaged trees and bushes until February or March. Crape Myrtles are trees and should be allowed to grow as trees. Unless you have a good reason, please don’t cut off any branch larger than a pencil. There are many varieties of crape, so select a shorter variety if height is a problem.

Plant cool-season seedlings such as asparagus, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, collards, turnip greens, Irish potato, kohlrabi, leaf lettuces, onions, and swiss chard. Sow seeds this month for beets, carrots, English peas, greens, leaf lettuces, radishes, sugar snap, snow peas, and turnips.

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